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SUBJECT:

1. HUMMEL CALLED IN AMBASSADOR HAHM EVENING OF DECEMBER
8. HUMMEL DELIVERED TEXTS OF LETTERS HANDWRITTEN BY
KIM SONG-KUN IN ENGLISH AND KOREAN ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR
HAHM. TEXT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE VERSION FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT PLEASE CONVEY THAT I RESIGNED FROM MY
POST DUE TO MY PERSONAL REASONS. RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE
NOVEMBER 25, 1976.

AT THE SAME TIME I AM TELLING YOU THAT UNDER THE
PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, I DO NOT WISH TO SEE OR SPEAK TO
YOU.

I REPEAT HERewith MY PREVIOUS STATEMENT THAT I AM
REMAINING IN THE UNITED STATES, NOT BY OTHER PEOPLE'S WILL
OR PLEASURE, BUT ON MY FREE WILL.

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I WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW THAT I HAVE BEEN STAYING
HERE HEALTHY AND SAFELY.

I WOULD LIKE TO MEET A REPRESENTATIVE OF A NEUTRAL
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION SO THAT MISUNDERSTANDING AND
APPREHENSION WILL BE CLEARED UP. YOURS TRULY, SANG KEUN
KIM. END TEXT

2. HUMMEL THEN REFERRED TO STATEMENT BEING READ BY
KOREAN EMBASSY PAO TO INQUIRING NEWSMEN (SENT YOU SEPTTEL).
SAYING HE WAS SPEAKING ON INSTRUCTIONS, HUMMEL SAID IT
WAS UNHELPFUL STATEMENT THAT IS UNWARRANTED BY THE FACTS.
IN ESSENCE IT IS AN ACCUSATION AGAINST U.S. GOVERNMENT.
IT WILL NOT HELP AND IN FACT WILL COMPLICATE THE
SITUATION. HAHM SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT UNLESS KIM
AGREES, HAHM CANNOT SEE HIM BECAUSE KIM IS A FREE AGENT.

3. HAHM SAID HE WOULD REPORT ABOVE TO SEOUL. ROBINSON

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